

Wednesday, August 23, 1849

FRANCIS M. ADAMS, EDITOR.

**Any business connected with the Banner, will be attended to by the Editor, at his office in the rear of the Court House.**

**AGENTS FOR THE BANNER.**  
Messrs. WHITE, & Co. Sumterville, S. C.  
T. W. PROCTOR, Camden, S. C.

**COTTON.**  
The latest prices in the Charleston market were from 6 to 7 cts.

**SUMTER CELEBRATION.**  
The 17th, the day fixed for the Festival in honor of Company A, "The Sumters," of the Palmetto Regiment, was celebrated at Sumterville with all the honorable feeling and appropriateness which characterizes the people of Sumter District. The greater part of the day was threatening, and the sky exhibited a lowering appearance. With the slight inconvenience, however, of a shower immediately preceding the ceremonies, the clouds served to temper the heat of the day.

During the evening previous, and on the morning of the celebration, visitors poured into the village in great numbers, and it seemed as if the whole district had come forth in congregated masses to do honor to "The Sumters." Many, too, were present from Kershaw and Richland, and took their full part in the festivities of the day.

The Hon. F. J. MOSES, our Senator from Claremont, presided with his accustomed efficiency and dignity and welcomed the Palmettoes in a short and fervent address. The Oration was delivered by SAMUEL MAYRANT, Esq., who portrayed the Palmetto Regiment present, in vivid and eloquent language, their career and the honors which they had gained. The small remnant of the devoted band stood before him and listened with the dignity of citizen soldiery to the honorable testimonials of their brave conduct and the plaudits of a grateful and admiring republic.

The fair daughters of Sumter, too, were present, and graced the honors to stern, manly, valor, with the approving smiles of beauty.

After the close of the oration, the company assembled around the festive board, at the head of which sat the Hon. Senator MOSES, the President of the day. Abundance weighed down the tables, and the loud cheering, given to the toasts, testified the spirit, interest, and enthusiasm of the people in the occasion. Upwards of three thousand persons were present, of whom five hundred were ladies.

The Festival throughout, was conducted in a manner worthy of the occasion, and, after a day of great and uninterrupted enjoyment, the people quietly dispersed to their several homes.

Praise is due to the committee for their management, and to Mr. JOHN CHINA, who was employed by them to superintend the immediate preparations for the dinner.

#### MR. MAYRANT'S ORATION.

The Committee of the "Sumter Celebration" have politely furnished us with a copy of Mr. MAYRANT'S oration before "The Sumters", which we shall use our endeavors to present to our readers in our next number.

#### BALL TO "THE SUMTERS".

The Ball on the 16th, to "The Sumters", was given in the new house of Mr. A. J. MOSES, which was generously loaned to the Committee for that purpose, and which was thus ushered into habitation by a ball in honor to the returned of the "Sumters".

Nearly fifty ladies were present, and many gentlemen from the District, and the Sumters. Every thing went as merrily as a marriage, and all were highly pleased.

To the Committee, to their employee, Mr. MYERS, and to Mr. A. J. MOSES, the liberal loaner of his new house, are the thanks of the community justly due and awarded, for the amusement of the evening.

#### THE BUFFALO CONVENTION.

This body has nominated MARTIN VAN BUREN, and CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, son of the late J. Q. ADAMS, as candidates for the presidency and vice presidency of the U. S. Thus the geographical lines of hostility to the South are marked, and the party divisions of whig and democrat at the north are merged in the "Free Soil Party."

#### THE OREGON BILL.

The Oregon Territorial Bill, with the Wilnot proviso attached, has passed both houses of Congress, and has received the signature of the President. He assigns as his reasons the absolute necessity of a territorial government for Oregon, and the fact that the territory lies above 42 degrees, and, therefore, above the line, 30 degrees 30 min. of the celebrated Missouri Compromise.

The day appropriated by the District of Sumter to do honor to her returned Volunteers was ushered in by the rising Sun, in all its beauty and splendour, though for a time obscured by passing clouds, which threatened to mar the pleasures of the day, but which most happily only sprinkled the earth, thereby allaying the dust and cooling the atmosphere, and which served as a fresh incentive to enjoyment.

At 11 o'clock the procession consisting of some two thousand persons, with the Sumter Riflemen, Claremont Troop and Cold Water Army as an escort to the remnant of the Palmetto Regiment, who graced the occasion by their presence, preceded by the Sumter Brass Band playing appropriate airs, the whole under command of the Marshals of the day proceeded to the Grove near the Old Methodist Church to the stand erected for the exercises of the day, where some five hundred or more of the beautiful daughters of Sumter awaited their arrival.

On reaching the stand, the Volunteers were stationed in front and were received by the Hon. F. J. MOSES the President of the day, in the following feeling and eloquent remarks which were followed with much applause and cheering.

#### GALLANT SURVIVORS OF A NOBLE BAND.

I have been deputed on behalf of your District, to receive you on your return to your native home, a home on whose already distinguished name, you have conferred new lustre, and which receives you into its bosom with the heart-felt pride, which your noble bearing has inspired.

But little more than two years have elapsed, since near this very spot, you were presented with an emblem, in honor of the patriotic avidity with which you hastened to obey the call of your Country. How great the contrast which your diminished ranks, now afford to the proud array of ardent youths, who then stood ready to receive and defend it. How many who buoyant with high hope and emulous of daring deeds, have met a glorious death in the thickest of the fight, while rallying around the proud Palmetto of our beloved State.

While to their memories, we render the homage of a tear, to you, their gallant Survivors your District extends the hand of fellowship, and embalmes their names with your own, in its dearest recollection. Welcome, thrice welcome, to our hearts.

The Reverend JOHN S. RICHARDSON then offered up a fervent and eloquent prayer to the throne of the most high, which was followed by a patriotic and eloquent Oration delivered by SAMUEL MAYRANT, Esq., and which elicited the most unbounded applause. At the conclusion of the Oration, the whole procession were formed into line, and marched to Dinner where an abundance of good cheer, provided by our worthy townsman JOHN CHINA Esq. furnished most ample material for a vigorous attack, preceded by Grace from Rev. H. D. GREEN. After the removal of the cloth, the following regular toasts were read by the President of the day, repeated by the respective Vice Presidents.

#### REGULAR TOASTS.

1. The Palmetto Regiment of South Carolina: Like the tree of our sea shore border, no storm uproots, no lightning rives it; but it stands as a bastion around the honor of our State, impervious to the assaults of war, or scythe of time.

2. The memory of Col. P. M. Butler and Lt. Col. J. P. Dickinson: Who fell on "the death bed of fame" the battle field; loftily will the monumental marble tower o'er their graves, but more lasting than marble on the historic page, and in the grateful remembrance of the people, shall be the recollection of their patriotic devotion to the Union, and to the State of South Carolina.

3. Col. A. H. Gladden, Lt. Col. Dunavant, Major Moffat, high toned gentlemen and gallant officers, deserving command of the Palmetto Regiment.

4. The Sumter Volunteers: Gallantly and nobly have they borne themselves through the Battles of Mexico, in the lead of the Palmetto Regiment, acquiring additional glory and renown for Chivalrous South Carolina. Old Sumter opens wide her arms, to receive, welcome, and honor, her brave Sons.

5. Capt. Francis Sumter: Every thing gallant and daring was expected of the descendant of the Old Game Cock of South Carolina—he has fought gallantly in Mexico, "as crowed the old Cock so crows the young."

6. Lt. A. C. Spain: At the call of the Country, he was first to breathe the military spirit into the Soldiers of our District, he served in the confidence of his commanders and deserves the confidence of the people.

7. Lt. Cyrus S. Mellett: High in person, high and noble in deeds, and high in the confidence and hope of the people of Sumter District.

8. Lt. J. D. Blanding: One of the first to enrol his name on the war list of Carolina, one among the last to leave the shores of Mexico—for his gallantry he is entitled to the admiration of his Countrymen.

9. Lt. Thomas M. Baker: An accomplished gentleman and gallant soldier, worthy scion of a patriot stock; duty his guiding star; he follows it in peace, it lighted his path-way on the "tented field."

10. Lt. Sebastian Sumter: Of the good old fighting breed—a gallant and chivalrous officer.

11. Lt. Stephen M. Boykin: A brave man, and spirited officer, well deserving of the country, and ever ready at her call.

12. The memory of Murphy, the Wilders and other gallant spirits of "the Sumters" who died in the service of the country—Sumter District mourns for them; but is consoled with the reflection that they have been offered up as a sacrifice on the altar of patriotism.

13. The Ladies: They are our guardian angels—our incentives to noble actions, and deeds of chivalric daring.

On the delivery of the first toast which was received with the most unbounded applause, the whole assembly rose and gave three times three cheers. The marked and solemn silence which prevailed the audience when the second toast was proclaimed testified their grief to the memories of the gallant BUTLER and DICKINSON. Again, cheers loud and long went forth in one spontaneous burst.

When the Oration was read, the only regret was the absence of the Hon. MOSES, who was accounted for his not being present in the following letter to the Committee.

Sumterville, S. C. 8th August 1849.

Gentlemen: It is with extreme regret, that in consequence of continued ill health, and pressing private engagements I shall be compelled to forego the pleasure of meeting my fellow-citizens of Sumter District at a dinner to be given in honor of Company A. Palmetto Regiment, S. C. V., at Sumterville on the 17th inst. Nothing I can assure you would afford me more pleasure than to be with you, and to meet my friends of Sumter and fellow soldiers and brother officers of Company A. at the festive board, and I am sorry that I shall be debarred that happiness.

With assurances of my highest esteem and Respect I am Your Obedient Servant.

A. H. GLADDEN.

The 4th and 5th toasts drew forth loud shouts and huzzas, and the enthusiasm was not a little heightened and induced by the waving of handkerchiefs, and tapping of small delicate hands. Applause loud and long again burst forth on the reception of the 6th toast, and the applause continuing and Lt. SPAIN making his appearance, it was some time before he could return his acknowledgments, which he did in a speech of much beauty and eloquence, concluding with the following sentiment.

The Rank and File of Company A: In Camp or Field, as soldiers inferior to none—"a few more left of the same sort" for any and every emergency at home or abroad.

Cheer after cheer went up at the proclamation of the 7th toast, which was responded to by Lt. MELLETT in a brief but spirited manner, concluding with the following sentiment.

Saml. Mayrant Esq., the Orator of Day: His talents and moral courage and devotion to the true interest of his Country, entitle him to the highest honor our District or State can bestow, but whose independence of character as yet forbid him to solicit or accept.

The 8th toast was received with much deserved applause—the audience regretting the absence of Lt. Blanding, who sent the committee the following letter.

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Our Native District: Her affection and generosity for her Children prompts to a forgetfulness of faults.

The 10th and 11th toasts were received in a spirited and enthusiastic manner, while the gloom and sorrow depicted on every countenance, at the announcement of the 12th spoke, in language deep tho' not loud, grief for the gallant dead.

Nine hearty cheers, such only as Sumter boys can give, was the response to the 13th toast.

The following toasts were submitted by the Committee of Arrangements.

General Thomas Sumter: He fought for and gained us the liberties we enjoy, he lived among us a lofty example of Virtue and Patriotism, he is buried in our soil. We revere his memory; yet so obelisk rises to mark the spot where the heroes lie, and to record his noble deeds. Sumter District should do more than think of this.

Capt. James Canley: In him the high bearing and gallantry of the Soldier is joined with the delicacy of sentiment and modesty of the true gentleman. Sumter District appreciates.

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Lt. M. Clark: A deserving and gallant officer—he bears on his person the seals of honorable service, in the form of scars received in the battles of Mexico.

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